



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS
K Division – 2022/02/18 16:00

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

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Sitreps and other RCMP information appear in **BLUE**

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- The "Throne Speech Convoy" to the Alberta Legislature, at 12:00 on 2022/02/22, appears to be gaining traction. It has now been shared on multiple Facebook pages and groups. One group that regularly plans protests urged people "Bring your families, friends and children. Plan your own convoy." There is a convoy being organized to attend from the Fort McMurray area.
- An event has been created on Facebook for convoys are being called to attend the Alberta Legislative Building, on 2022/02/19. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. **Participants are expected from Calgary, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, and the Leduc area.** A SIT REP from the Ponoka detachment states that one of the organizers of the Ponoka group travelling to Edmonton, **Personal Info.** indicated that he is expecting upwards of 600 vehicles in attendance. He stated that vehicles from Penhold, Red Deer and Blackfalds with travel north and meet in Ponoka. **Different routes in Edmonton have been planned for participants starting in Nisku, Acheson, and Sherwood Park.**
- There are new events planned in Fairview and Lac La Biche on 2022/02/19 that are slow rolls through the communities. **Personal** plans to be at the event in Fairview on 2022/02/19. **There are also a rallies planned in Fort McMurray and Strathmore on 2022/02/19.** On 2022/02/20, there is a weekly recurring rally in Spruce Grove.

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- There is at least one individual organizing a supply run from Onoway to Milk River on 2022/02/19.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division affecting areas including:
 - Communitites involved in convoys to Edmonton
 - Red Deer
 - Okotoks
 - Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo
 - Ponoka
 - Spruce Grove
 - Barrhead
 - Sherwood Park
 - Leduc
 - Parkland
 - Wetaskiwin
 - Lac La Biche
 - Fairview
 - Strathmore

Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:30 Convoy and 12:00 march and rally
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc, Sherwood Park, Parkland, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" for convoys to go to the Alberta Legislature Building. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. The event page states that the full location details will be announced soon. The Ponoka Convoy is being integrated into this event. A convoy group from Calgary will be meeting and staging at the Flying J in Nisku, while those from the Edmonton area or Ponoka will meet at the Black Jack's parking lot. [Personal] has also posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" to invite those unable to participate in the convoy to show support from overpasses around Edmonton.

Posts from [Personal] on the event "Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022" indicate that there will be a counterprotest from "The NDP group ran by [Personal Info.]. [Personal] claims to have spoken to police and to have a plan for when the group tries to shut them down. [Personal] spoke with the media following previous counterprotests in Edmonton. An event associated to the counterprotest was not located.



On 2022/02/17 **Personal Info.** posted to the group "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" indicating that there will also be convoy groups meeting at the Ponoka Co-op Cardlock at 09:30, the Wetaskiwin Co-Op Cardlock at 10:00 and the Nisku Co-Op Cardlock at 10:30.

A post by **Personal Info.** on 2022/02/17, one of the organizers of the event, asked for volunteers in Sherwood Park, Acheson and Nisku. She also asked for a pilot truck to help direct traffic. Several people asked **Personal Info.** to private message them about the request, stating that they may be able to help.

A comment on a convoy post asked if they would be still honking after injunctions and tickets of last weekend and replies indicated yes.

As of 2022/02/18, at 13:45, 287 have indicated "going" and 563 have indicated "interested" on the Facebook page **Personal Info.** also posted a poll of what people would be doing this weekend and 796 voted they would be going to the Alberta legislature. A SIT REP from the Ponoka detachment states that one of the organizers of the Ponoka group travelling to Edmonton, **Personal Info.**, indicated that he is expecting upwards of 600 vehicles in attendance. He stated that vehicles from Penhold, Red Deer and Blackfalds with travel north and meet in Ponoka.

Personal Info. posted routes for the convoy to take, with Nisku, Sherwood Park and Acheson all taking different routes in Edmonton:

Nisku Route

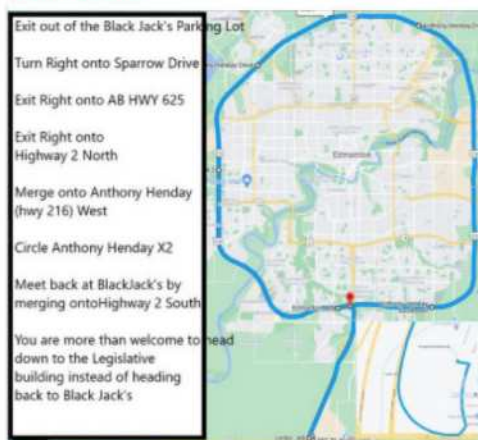


Image 1: Nisku Route (Facebook; 2022/02/18)



Sherwood Park Route

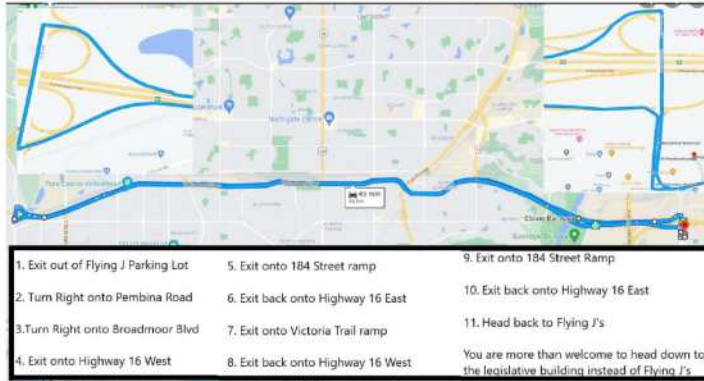


Image 2: Sherwood Park Route (Facebook; 2022/02/18)

Acheson Route – split into two groups determined when people arrive

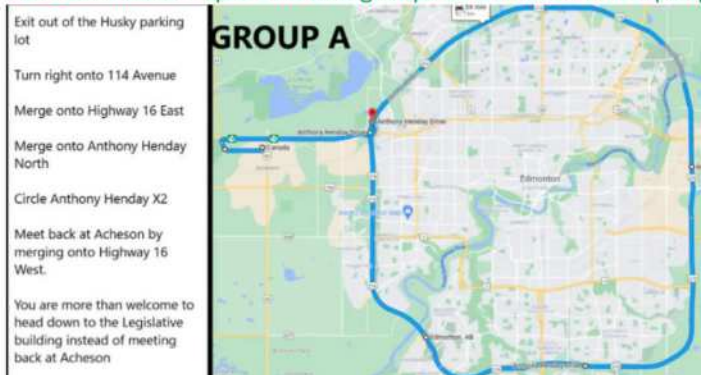


Image 3: Image of Acheson Route #1 (Facebook; 2022/02/18)

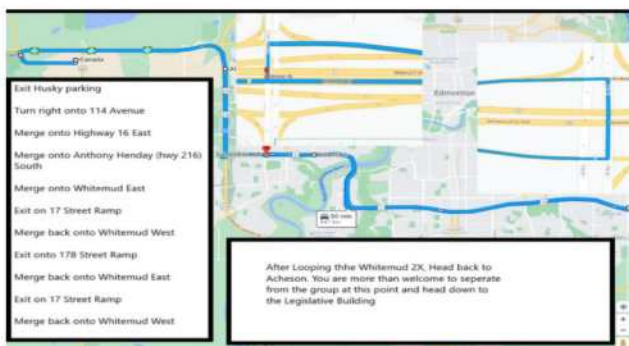


Image 4: Image of Acheson Route #2 (Facebook; 2022/02/18)



Red Deer Recurring Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 12:30; Convoy at 14:30
Meeting location: 19th Street and Gaetz Avenue	
Detachment(s) affected: Red Deer City	

This event recurs every Saturday. It is unknown what route the convoy plans to take, however judging by the pictures of last week's event it appears to be heading out of town. **No OSINT update.**

Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Meet at 08:00, roll out around 10:00
Meeting location: Behind the Ponoka Tim Hortons on Highway 2A	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton	

The organizer advised the Ponoka RCMP detachment that he expects about 250-300 people, larger than usual because the protesters have left Coutts. He will attend Tim Hortons at 08:00 but expects most other people to start arriving around 08:30. The organizer advised that as per the RCMP's request he has asked people to "dial down the horn blowing." In the group "Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022", **Personal** posted indicating that some of the Ponoka Convoy would be meeting with the larger Convoy to Edmonton group at the Black Jack's in Nisku. **No OSINT update.**

Lac La Biche Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 10:00
Meeting location: UFA Card Lock in Lac La Biche	
Detachment(s) affected: Lac La Biche	

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Alberta Convoy North" for a slow roll and barbeque in Lac La Biche. The event page asks "Do we roll this Saturday in LLb" and to comment below. **As of 2020/02/18, only 1 person has confirmed going and 9 interested on the event page.**

Strathmore and Area Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19 and recurring Saturdays	Time: 15:00
Meeting location: Kinsmen Lake, Strathmore	
Detachment(s) affected: Strathmore	



The Facebook group "Strathmore and Area Freedom Support has planned a weekly rally. A SIT REP from Strathmore detachment states that the event this week may include a "slow roll" and that the previous events had approximately 100 people attend.

Fort McMurray Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: Fort McMurray Courthouse	
Detachment(s) affected: Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo	

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" for a 2 hour rally described as peaceful. As of 2022/02/18, there have been 24 respondents "going" and 24 "interested"

Slow Roll in Fairview

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 11:00
Meeting location: Starting at Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview	
Detachment(s) affected: Fairview, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Peace River, Spirit River, Fort. St. John, Dawson Creek.	

An event is planned in Fairview on 2022/02/19 with [Personal] attending. The slow roll meeting place is at the Dunvegan Motor Inn, with a fundraiser for families at 10119 110 Street at 12:00 and to end at 13:00 at 10110 110 Street. No OSINT update.

Personal Info. [Personal] is the organizer of this convoy. She contacted the Fairview RCMP detachment to advise that she thinks that this protest will be larger then she had originally planned and that groups of vehicles will travel from Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Spirit River, Peace River, Fort. St. John and Dawson Creek. They will all meet up in Fairview in the parking lot of Gregg's and the Dunvegan Motor Inn. [Personal] advised that they will keep a lane open for emergency vehicles and have four people in safety vests to monitor the protesters and make sure they don't do anything unsafe.

Barrhead Freedom Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: 09:30
Meeting location: Likely the service road adjacent to Barrhead Splash Park	
Detachment(s) affected: Barrhead	



Event organizer **Personal Info.** has advised RCMP that another convoy will travel from Barrhead to Acheson. Information was received by Barrhead Detachment regarding the public mood in the Neerlandia area. Information indicated that there has been an increase in guns and ammunition purchased from the Neerlandia Co-Op and that people may be carrying hand guns, however the intent is not to take action against police or the government, rather to protect themselves. The population of Neerlandia is strongly represented among the participants in the Barrhead convoys. The "Barrhead Freedom Convoy 2022" group has been made private. **No OSINT update.**

Charter Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina	
Detachment(s) affected: Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary.	

Personal Info. posted to the Facebook group "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. UPDATE: The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. **Person** has been asking people to private message her when they requested more information, so unknown how many people are planning on going. **No OSINT update.**

Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks	
Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks	

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children. **No OSINT update.**

Spruce Grove Rally

Date: 2022/02/20 – Recurring on Sundays	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: Central Park. Spruce Grove	
Detachment(s) affected: Spruce Grove	



Word Campfire Initiative is hosting the recurring rally on Sundays till the mandates are over. It is supposed to be a peaceful gathering with speakers and performances. [No OSINT update.](#)

Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22	Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00 for the 13:00 throne speech
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta	

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, there is no confirmed indication of a large attendance; however, it is advisable to be prepared based on departures from Coutts and negative sentiment towards government. This event will continue to be monitored over the weekend and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Posters for this convoy have been shared to other groups. The individual posting to other groups is often "**Personal Info.**". A newer version of the post states that groups and Albertans should meet out MLAs and staffers as they walk to assembly and to honk, honk, honk during the 13:00 throne speech. Foothills Freedom Rally, which organizes protests in Okotoks every Sunday, has shared a new version of the event poster which encourages people to plan their own convoys and attend the legislature.

The page "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" has created an event for a convoy from Fort McMurray to attend the throne speech. The group will depart the Tim Hortons at Mackenzie Boulevard and Highway 63 at 06:00 on 2022/02/22. [The Facebook event page has 5 "going" and 8 "interested."](#)

Protest from Home

Date: 2022/02/21-2022/02/28	Time: None
Meeting location: None	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for walk outs from everywhere in Canada	

Posts previously began on trucker's Facebook pages, but have recently been gaining a little traction and have been asking everyone to join. The posts state to "Shut it Down" and "Protest from Home." On post states "Call in sick, hurt your ankle, use vacation time or just use the magic virus." [No OSINT update.](#)



Other Information

A post on Facebook from the morning of 2022/02/17 stated that there were approximately 60 people in the Lawful Protest Zone (LPZ) in Coutts and also stated "lots more are coming down." **Personal Info.** posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" that **Personal Info.** will be collecting donations for Milk River and heading there from Onoway at 04:00 on Saturday, 2022/02/19. It is not clear if this is an event or a single person travelling alone.

On 2022/02/17, **Personal** posted a Facebook live video indicating that his plans with **Personal** and **Personal Info.** are not yet clear, but that they intend to post together on 2022/02/18 with more information. *The live video posted by the two on 2022/02/18 had no concrete information to their plans, but they stated they may head to Edmonton for the convoy on the weekend.*

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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